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August 31, 2020

Bryan Neal  
2101 Hollybriar PT  
Norfolk, VA 23518

Dear Mr. Neal:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (DON-NAVY-2020-01151) of August 17, 2020 in which you request a copy of DOD IG Hotline complaint 20191218-062118. Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA and the Privacy Act (PA). Potential fees associated with this response are waived.

At the present time, this case is still open. Consequently, any responsive documents are exempt from release under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(a). This exemption authorizes the Government to withhold all material connected with an Inspector's General inquiry until the conclusion of that inquiry and any enforcement proceedings that may result from it.

My point of contact for FOIA is Ms. Jamie Smith. If you have any questions, she may be reached at (202) 549-1812.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at:

Office of the Naval Inspector General  
ATTN: Legal Office FOIA Officer  
1254 9th Street, S.E.  
Building 172  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5006

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file

an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)  
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), (703)697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. B. Longhenry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

K. B. LONGHENRY  
By direction